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1. EMBASSY AND CONSULATES SURVEYED 26 ITALIAN FIRMS, INCLUDING MANUFACTURERS THERMIONIC VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES AND TRANSISTORS (BTN 85.21) AND GAS AND AIR PUMPS (BTN 84.11). THESE FIRMS REPORTED EITHER NO DIFFICULTY QUALIFYING FOR ORIGIN STATUS OR NOT PRESENTLY EXPORTING TO EFTA COUNTRIES. IN MOST CASES FIRMS INTERVIEWED REVEALED THAT ITALIAN CUSTOMS GENERALLY QUITE LIBERAL IN APPLICATION R/O. ALTHOUGH NOT ADMITTED BY INTERESTED PARTIES, EMBASSY SUSPECTS EASY ATTITUDE ITALIAN CUSTOMS MAY BE REAL REASON FOR REPORTED LACK OF PROBLEMS. THIS SITUATION POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AS INTERESTED ITALIAN OR EC COMPETITORS OF US SUPPLIERS OF COMPONENTS AND/OR INTERMEDIATE MATERIALS CAN AT ANY TIME PRESS FOR RIGID ENFORCEMENT. IF THIS OCCURS, US EXPORTS TO ITALY LIKELY TO BE INJURED WOULD BE DIODES, TRANSISTORS, INTERGRATED CIRCUITS ETC. UNDER BTN 85.21. IN 1973 ITALIAN IMPORTS THESE ITEMS FROM THE US \$35.5 MILLION (REPRESENTING 21 PERCENT ITALY'S TOTAL IMPORTS THESE PRODUCTS), WHILE EXPORTS TO EFTA COUNTRIES OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT UNDER BTN 85.15, WHICH NORMALLY INCORPORATES SUCH ITEMS, TOTALED \$28 MILLION.

2. EMBASSY SUBMITTING BY AIRGRAM ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SURVEY TOGETHER WITH QUESTIONNAIRES. VOLPE

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